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## THE LINE UP FOR CONGRESS

### Robson Gets a Boost

#### ROBSON BOOMED IN II

"A strong boom has been started in the interest of J. M. Robson, a well known lawyer, of Barbourville, for the Republican nomination for Congress in the 11th district. It is said that he has been picked to take the measure of Caleb Powers, if he runs again.—Louisville Times, September 7th, 1917."

We do not know where the information comes that the Times has and we do not know who gave it to the Times, but we do know that all that it did say is correct. We wish to say here and now that Mr. Robson is not related to the editor of the Advocate, neither is he connected in any way with the Advocate, and we do not claim to be the spokesman for Mr. Robson on this important matter, and what we shall say here is upon our own responsibility and without consulting him.

Mr. Robson has not said to us that he is, or will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for Congress next year, but we do say that it has been generally talked to us by both the leaders and rank and file that they would like to see him enter this contest, and nearly all of these persons say that in the event that he is a candidate, that he will be a runner. We are quite certain that Knox County and this end of the District would be behind him if he does enter the race. We have no doubt but what he would take Mr. Power's measure.

It is further claimed by Mr. Robson's friends that if he were elected to Congress that there would be something doing. He would be able to accomplish something. Unfortunately for Mr. Powers, he has been able to do very little good for the district during the seven years that he has been in Congress.

We have supported Mr. Powers in all of his races, and have stood by him for the last twenty years, and we are still his friend, but we think that Mr. Powers should now step aside and let some other man go to Congress from this district. It is the largest Republican district in the United States, and ought to be represented by a man who can do something for the district.

Mr. Robson has never sought political office, although he has always been a true and loyal Republican, and has never failed any campaign to help fight the battles of the Republican party, both with his means, and by his speeches and influence. He is one of the ablest lawyers in the state, a fine orator and a splendid stump speaker, and if he runs, and Caleb runs, Caleb will run up against a real proposition.

Mr. Robson has always been closely identified with the farmer, and with the laboring class of people, and he is a fellow who stands loyally behind his friends. He has always taken a lively interest in the uplift of his community, county and State, and liberal almost to a fault. We think that Mr. Robson ought to make this race. He is just enter-

ing upon the prime of life, and can and will, if he should run and be elected, be an important factor for good, in the Congress of the United States.

Strong influence was brought to bear upon Mr. Robson to get him to run last year for Congress and to be a candidate for Circuit Judge, but he declined to run, saying that he would rather help his friends, and stick to his law practice. Robson is six feet and three inches. He is sure a tall sycamore of the Cumberland, and if he starts out after Mr. Powers, you can look for some bear fight.

### Opening Red Cross Work Room.

On Monday, Sept. 17th, at 2 p. m., there will be a formal opening of the Red Cross work room in the Miller building.

There will be on display articles made by members of the Red Cross chapter here; a candy counter will be in evidence, and music provided free. Everyone is cordially invited to visit the headquarters during the afternoon.

By an act of the executive committee of the Knox county chapter of the Red Cross Society, the work room has been allotted as follows: Monday, women's study club; Tuesday, Baptist and Presbyterian Ladies; Wednesday, Methodist ladies; Thursday, Tuesday club; Friday, Ladies Christian church; Saturday, young women and girls. Any woman who wishes to work on any of the days mentioned may do so, regardless of whether she be a member of the society or not.

Beginning with Monday, 17th, the women of the organization, will please meet at the work room in the L. C. Miller building at 1:30 o'clock p. m. on the day allotted them for the purpose of organization and work.

### Good Work.

Fairfax Harrison, Chairman of the Railroads' War Board, has made a very interesting and encouraging report of savings of car space through the cooperation of shippers and railroad managers. By loading cars in such a way as to utilize all space practicable during July, the number of available cars was increased 120,000. It is apparent that the railroad committee has done good work. Under ordinary conditions, shippers are likely to waste a great deal of car space, consulting only their own convenience and needs. It is to be hoped that the practice of using car space economically will be kept up after the war is over.

### Bar The Speculator.

In considering Mr. McAdoo's scheme for government insurance of soldiers, regardless of whether he "borrowed" the idea and its basic provisions from Mr. Redfield's Department of Commerce or not—pains should be taken to see that speculators are not permitted to gamble with death at the joint cost of our men in the trenches and of the Treasury. Under the bill as it stands there is nothing to prevent a person from advancing money to enable a soldier to take government insurance up to the limit, with revolutionary interest, of course, to the money-lender.

### UNION COLLEGE

Barbourville, Knox county, and Southeastern Kentucky are to have a share in the uplift of Kentucky's great people. No finer human stock ever lived than inhabits this section of our proud state. But a careful study of College statistics reveal the fact that only a few people from any community go farther than fifty miles to college, while many will go if a college is near.

We must build colleges in our own section if we would educate a fair percent of our enviably bright young men and women. We can do it and we must. YES, WE WILL! I predict that in the not distant future some of the best colleges in the state will be in these parts.

The authorities controlling Union College have decided to launch a campaign to raise at least \$200,000.00 for endowing, enlarging, and equipping this already splendid institution, and it is to be done by December 21st, 1917. Big work, quick work, and glorious work! You will soon hear much about it.

Raise your faith, fasten your eye on the goal, get ready for the rush, and by December 21st, we shall be congratulating ourselves and each other and saying: "How did we do it? But My! isn't it great!"

Just here some fellow will begin to take the "blues" and crawl off to his juniper tree to talk war, high cost of living, high taxes, and all sorts of discouragement; but we were never so able and never so needy as now. We must educate as never before. Other college communities are doing the unusual. Our whole land has caught the spirit of higher education. We are only a small part of a great movement to endow and equip many colleges throughout the nation. Campaigns have been completed or planned for Christian Colleges within two or three years aggregating \$100,000,000.00. Christian Education is the hope of the world. Of course we want our share.

Yours for a great Christian College at Barbourville for Southeastern Kentucky.

E. T. FRANKLIN, M. A.

### Everybody Ready

#### Except Department

The American Machinist declares that in of the some of the best known American plants the production of rifles their most skilled workmen have been kept on the payroll all summer, though they have had nothing to do in working hours but to play cards and checkers—simply because the people in authority at Washington have been unable to make up their minds regarding details for weapons for the armies which we are raising. War was declared on the sixth of April, five months ago; and nothing but time has thus far been killed with American rifles. The expense of these idle hours in the rifle factories will all fall on the taxpayer, because of the foolish cost-plus system which has been adopted. The factories have been ready, the men have been ready. The administration has not been ready.

### Married.

On June 27, 1917, at the Baptist parsonage, I united in marriage, Miss Lillie Bolton and Mr. Clarence Browning.

R. L. Oreal, Pastor.

### A Splendid Example.

Some time ago, there was organized by about eighteen of the young married women of the city, a club, for the study of political science and the science of government during the winter. But since the organization of the local chapter of the Red Cross, the club has, by unanimous consent, determined to forego the objects of its organization, and instead of studying the subject previously selected which of course would require much time and effort on the part of those presenting papers from time to time, to work as a unit in the knitting of sweaters, socks, mufflers, wrist bands for the soldiers of our country and its allies engaged in the present war.

The club will, of course, hold its regular meeting, and will engage in some study of present day problems; but the subjects taken up will be such as will not take the members from the patriotic work of knitting for the soldiers.

This club, working as a unit, have selected Monday afternoons of each week, when they will occupy the work room of the local chapter of the Red Cross in knitting, sewing and doing other work required by the general headquarters of the American Red Cross, and great results are expected from such united effort on the part of these club members.

### Gerard's Reverations.

Ambassador Gerard's recital of his experiences in Germany continues to expose the inexplicable folly of the Democratic administration in the face of the plainest of intimations of Germany's purpose to harass the United States. In one of his most recent chapters, Mr. Gerard tells how, in the early stages of the Mexican imbroglio, he was informed by "a man high in the German Foreign Office" that the German government had proposed to England that the two powers should intervene by force in Mexico, to the destruction of the Monroe Doctrine; this followed by the forceful colonizations of Central and South America by European nations.

As a diligent representative of his country at a foreign post, Mr. Gerard necessarily reported this incident to the State Department—but it is only now, after three or four years, that the people of the United States are made acquainted with the fact. The administration took no notice of the threat which this proposal carried against a cherished article of our national faith; and the President continued to submit to repeated insult from all factions in Mexico. No effort was made

to put ourselves in a position of military preparedness, either to enforce our grievances against the Mexicans or protect our European movement to overthrow our supremacy in this continent. We were "kept out of war" until, when war came, as was inevitable, we found ourselves unready as we were unready.

### Adding To Perfection

A plan, thus far kept secret, is said to have been devised to help reduce prices of meat by a further utilization of by-products at the packing houses. If successful, it will accomplish what the food-control bill promised but could not fulfill. But we thought it had long been the boast of the packing houses that they used everything in the hog but the squeal.

## THE DIXIE HIGHWAY

A completed Dixie Highway between Cincinnati and Chattanooga now depends only on how rapidly the work under way in the Kentucky and Tennessee mountains can be carried on, according to V. D. L. Robinson, secretary of the Dixie Highway Association who has just completed a motor inspection trip along the eastern division of the highway. The only condition which might be attached to this statement, is that of completing the raising of a fund of \$50,000.00 to be used with a like amount set aside by the State Highway Department of Kentucky for the construction of four and a half miles in Rockcastle county from the Rockcastle river to Livingston. This fund is practically assured as \$26,000 has been raised by the committee. Reports of progress made were carefully checked up and county judges and road authorities in each of the counties interviewed. The inspection trip gave positive assurance of a well surfaced road throughout by the middle of nineteen hundred and eighteen and a travelable road prior to that time.

While a motor trip through the Cumberlands along the eastern division of the Dixie Highway at the present time represents the severest test of endurance of car and occupants, to be brought into intimate touch with the spirit of progress which has come to the mountain people, amply compensates the motorist for the difficulties encountered. They seem to have caught the bigness of the idea of a Dixie Highway tying up the north and the south in a way which would put to shame many of the more fortunate communities of the valley. The mountain men have had their difficulties, in many instances of far greater import than those of counties having less expensive roads to construct with greater resources. Their difficulties are traceable more to the intensity of the competition of rival communities for the routing of the highway, rather than to a lack of interest and determination to see it through. They are now pushing the work as rapidly as labor and materials will permit. The type of grading and surfacing particularly in the Kentucky counties, reflects the value of State Aid and its attendant rigid state inspection. All curves and grades are made along lines of the most approved type of road construction. When a well surfaced highway is all connected up it will be possible

to make the entire trip through the mountains in the majority of cars in high gear all the way. Even the detours encountered over rocky mountain trails around new grades where bridge and culvert construction prevents the use of the new road, cannot detract from the marvelous beauty of scenery of the Pinnacle, Lone and Wild Cat and other mountains of the Cumberland range, which will equal that of any road in the United States. It is safe to predict that the cars from all over the United States which will travel this highway when completed during all seasons of the year, can be counted by the tens of thousands.

The highway between Knoxville and the Blue Grass is now being dotted with excellent hotels to cater to the needs of the tourists. There are now three hotels located in mountain towns along the highway which are equal in appointment to any hotels of similar size in the United States. Modern garages are being constructed in almost all of the mountain towns in preparation for the stream of tourists certain to come the minute the highway is travelable. Even now the tourists are coming. Seventeen cars passed through a mountain town in one day last week, southbound from Ohio and other points.

If Claiborne county, Tennessee can complete three miles of grading and seven miles of surfacing by January first, for which \$25,000 additional in warrants have been voted, a well surfaced road will be assured as far north as Pineville, Kentucky by that time. The contractor at work on the remaining four miles in Union county, also in Tennessee to the Claiborne county line is under bond to complete both grading and surfacing by December fifteenth. Bell county, Kentucky will complete the three miles of surfacing. Knox county, Kentucky has over 85 per cent of the grading of 26 miles completed and has awarded the contract to four firms of contractors to complete the grading and surfacing. This county has the money in the bank to fully complete the road. The construction of a large bridge at Flat Lick and the uncompleted grade across a mountain north of Barbourville, the county seat, made necessary the use of the old mountain trail along the railroad for the greater part of the distance through the county. Knox county's new grade thru

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